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Salt Works in Pocahontas

The main salt factory was at the Blue Hole on Stony Creek about one mile above Campbelltown. This was a small salt spring: the tradition is that the water was just of the right saltiness to boil corn meal ~~dash~~ in. The site of this spring belonged to General Andrew Lewis. It is supposed he surveyed it out on the same trip that he surveyed Marlins Bottom in 1751.

Along sometime in the 1840's salt was made there by the late Captain William Cochran. He wished to increase the flow of salt water. He rigged up a tilt pole arrangement, linked hickory sapling together and bored a well about 475 feet deep. Things appeared to be perfectly all right when they quit work one evening. When the men returned to work next morning they found the well had blown up and ruined the outfit. The spring never flowed again. It has always been supposed that the drill had tapped a pocket of gas. The work was abandoned. This spring was in the field now belonging to Mrs. Margaret Baxter, not far from the forks of the road.

In Marlinton, years and years and years later, salt water and a small flow of gas was encountered in a water well at about the same depth reached by William Cochran.

The tradition persists that salt was made in pioneer times at Clover Lick. The old lick spring is now in the edge of Clover Creek, not far upstream from the backwater of Berry Coyner's power dam. Deer have begun, again of late years, to come into the lick.

This salt spring together with the abundance of clover which grows around it, gave to Clover Lick its name.

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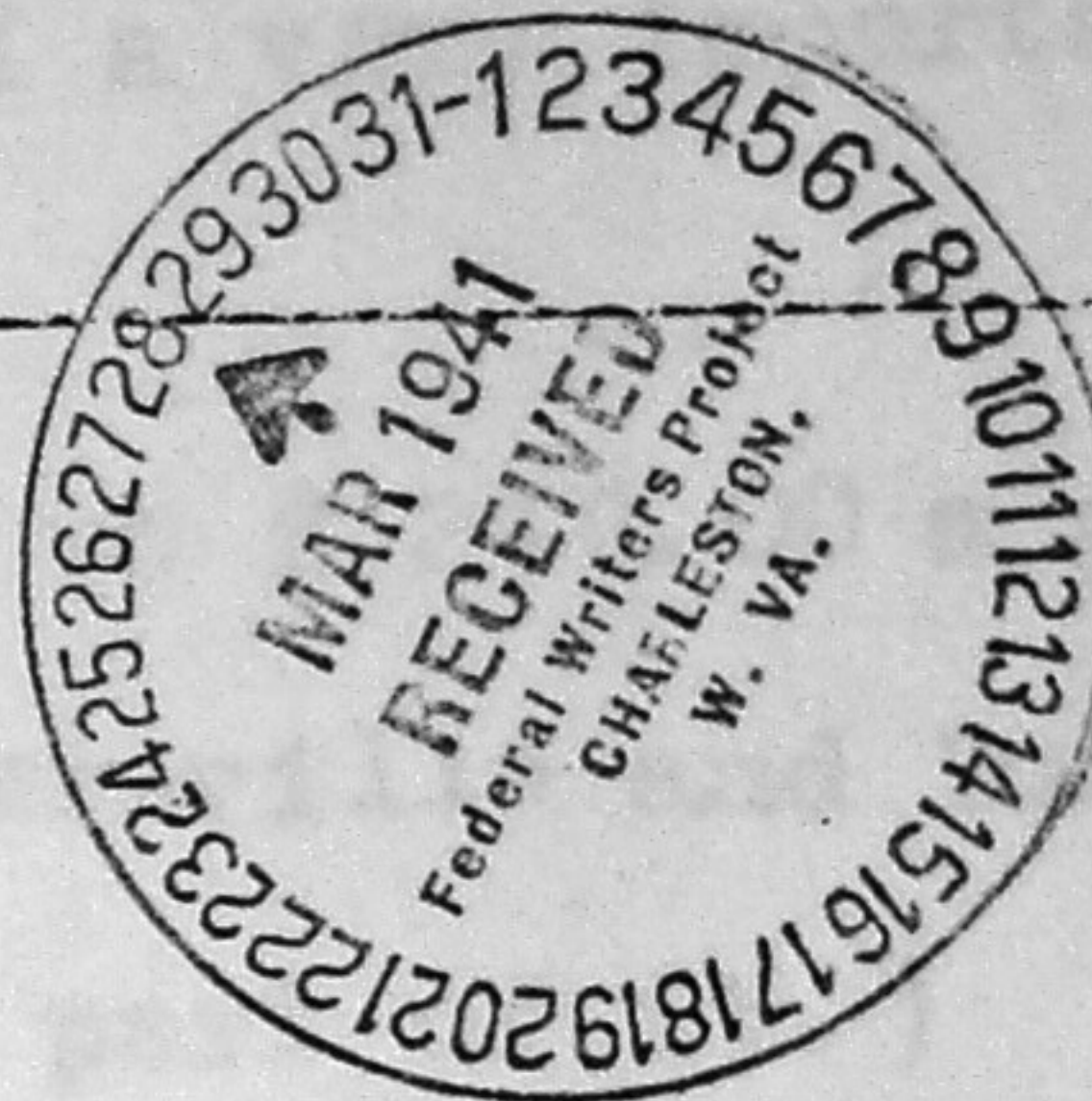
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In 1923 A. D Neil sold to the Raine Lumber Co. the saw mill, railroad, engines, bridges, houses and so forth, this was a band mill for \$ 230,000.00 the deed transferred some 5,000 acres of timber in in the Huntersville and Greenbank district. This operation was at Clover Lick. The railroad was built up Laurel Run and Thomas Creek and passes over the divide to the waters of Thorny Creek. Joe Rain of the Rain Lumber Co. in charge, he is the son of Thomas Raine and represents the second generation of a very important lumber family from Pennsylvania.

The revenue stamps on the deed amounted to \$ 230.00 a good deal of the timber conveyed lies on the road between Huntersville and Dunmore and is a well known forest. (Now Seneca State Forest or a part of it.)

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